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EVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 16 February to 2 March 1953DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1C DATE PREPARED 17 March 1953REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1APAGES 3 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]REMARKS [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. Materiel loaded and unloaded at the Neustrelitz railroad station between 16 and 25 February 1953 included:

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2. At about 10 a.m. on 21 February, a column of about 150 trucks occupied by troops and carrying equipment; and about 25 x 57-mm AT guns and about 25 mortars loaded on trucks entered the Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg, coming from Butterlake-Hohenstuecken. [REDACTED]

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At 2 p.m. on 25 February, about 200 soldiers and about 20 trucks loaded with equipment; [REDACTED] coming from the Flak Kaserne were entrained at the Altstadt railroad station. ⁴ [REDACTED]

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3. Troop trains passing through the Satzkorn railroad station included a train carrying about 250 soldiers, 17 x 57-mm AT guns and an undetermined number of motor vehicles, coming from Nennhausen and proceeding toward Wildpark, on 23 February; and a train carrying an undetermined number of soldiers, 57-mm AT guns, 160-mm mortars and motor vehicles, coming from Nennhausen and proceeding toward Jueterbog-Altes Lager, on 24 February. ⁵

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Troops and materiel unloaded at the Satzkorn railroad station and bound for the Kavallerieschule in Kramnitz included about 100 soldiers, 21 T-34/76 and T-34/85 tanks; and about 120 soldiers and 29 T-34/76 and T-34/35 tanks, on 21 February; and about 100 soldiers and 25 tanks of the above mentioned

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types, on 22 February.³

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6. At 7 a.m. on 2 March, a troop train consisting of several boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carrying 11 T-34/85 tanks and about 4 to 6 trucks left the ammunition depot at Gerwisch for Halberstadt.⁸

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The detraining of these units of the 9th Gds Tank Div which returned from exercises north of Neuruppin was repeatedly reported.

25X1 [REDACTED] the trucks of the 9th Gds Tank Div, which were entrained on 16 February, were bound for Berlin or Nauen.

25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The entraining probably involved units of the 495th How Bn (US) and a unit of the 126th Gds RL Bn of the 9th Gds Tank Div which, according to records on transportation, were transferred to Luckenwalde for short-term advanced combat practice firing in the north part of the Jueterbog troop training grounds. However, the howitzer battalion probably is assigned not more than 12 x 122-mm field howitzers.

25X1 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The column seen entering the Pionier Kaserne in Brandenburg belonged to the 10th Gds Tank Div, probably the 63d Gds Tank Regt which, however, is assigned not more than 12 x 57-mm AT guns, 10 x 82-mm mortars and about 90 trucks. The three trains unloaded in Satzborn on 21 and 22 February, probably also carried units of the division which may have held joint exercises with the above mentioned regiment. It is possible, though not very probable, that the units on the three trains participated in the exercises of the Fourth Gds Mech Army northeast of Rathenow. [REDACTED]

25X1C [REDACTED] It appears more
25X1 probable that the division held exercises in the Pritzerbe area, northwest
25X1 of Brandenburg. These exercises were observed [REDACTED] with one
25X1 [REDACTED] exercises between 10 and 21 February; however, it was not
possible to identify the units involved in the exercises. [REDACTED]

25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. According to reports on transportation, the train which carried units of the 20th Army Arty Brig (US), went to Schwerin. The units may have participated in the exercises of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div in the Schwerin area.

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6. [] Comment. The two trains probably came from Doeberitz, where two trains were reported loaded by the 1st Pecz Div with the same number of troops and materiel as observed with the two trains in Satzborn. [] the trains went to Forst Zinna and/or Justerbog, where the units probably engaged in advanced combat practice firing.

8. [] Comment. [] the engineer troops belonged to the Third Shock Army. They may have been army engineers which presumably went for exercises. No information on engineer units of the army in the military installations in Magdeburg has been received; however it is possible that one of the installations which can be covered only poorly, is occupied by engineers. This possibility appears the more probable as only one army engineer battalion has been identified in Barby.

7. [] Comment. The first train probably carried AAA units of the 6th Gds Pecz Div stationed in Bernau, and the second train elements of the 63d AAA Div (US) stationed in Fuerstenwalde, as, according to reports on transportation, similar shipments went from the posts mentioned to Justerbog on 1 March. The AAA units probably were to participate in advanced combat practice firing at the troop training grounds.

8. [] Comment. Gerwisch (N 53/Y 70) is situated east of Magdeburg. The installation is a former German ammunition depot, which had been vacated in 1947 and was not utilized after this date.

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